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EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN PRIVATE HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for private hospitals to provide emergency treatment to patients / accident victims who are brought to their hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether private hospitals do not provide medical care to patients who seek emergency treatment;

(d) if so, the action taken against these hospitals;

(e) the details of the Government and the private hospitals in Delhi and number of accident victims who were brought & treated in these hospitals during the last two years;

(f) details of the accident victims treated and died during last two years; and (g) the details of the action taken against the Government and private hospitals by the Government of NCT of Delhi for not providing emergency treatment to patients/accident victims during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to monitor the functioning of private hospitals. However, Section 134 (a) of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988 already provides that `it shall be the duty of every registered medical practitioner or the doctor on the duty in the hospitals immediately to attend to the injured person and render medical aid or treatment without waiting for any procedural formalities`.

(e) to (g) Details of the accident victims admitted and died in the following hospitals during the last two years is as under :-

Year	Safdarjung Hospital admission	Safdarjung Hospital DR.	RML Hospital admission	RML Hospital DR.
2005	8886	1239	3494	125
2006	8957	1349	2580	113

Information relating to number of patients treated in private hospitals is not maintained centrally.